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SUBJ: EC- JAPANESE RELATIONS -- TSURUMI VISIT

1. SUMMARY. JAPANESE DEPUTY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TSURUMI, VISITED BRUSSELS LAST WEEK FOLLOWING THE OECD HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EC COMMISSION TOOK A TOUGH LINE WITH TSURUMI REGARDING RISING JAPANESE EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSION INDICATED IN GENERAL TERMS THAT THE COMMUNITY MAY SOON TAKE SOME ACTION IF THE TREND CONTINUES. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE, TSURUMI HAD A BRIEF (20 MINUTE) TALK WITH COMMISSIONER SOAMES AND A LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS WELLENSTEIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES. (THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE WAS COMPRESSED PARTLY BECAUSE OF US- EC CONSULTATIONS HELD THE SAME DAY.) TSURUMI WANTED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE COMMISSION ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THE COMMISSION SIDE REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS NOT READY TO HAVE SUCH AN EXCHANGE BECAUSE (A) COMMUNITY VIEWS WERE NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED AND (B) THE COMMUNITY WANTED TO GET A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE OUTLOOK IN THE US CONGRESS. THEY THOUGHT THAT AN EXCHANGE WITH THE JAPANESE WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IN MAY.

3. THE COMMISSION APPARENTLY TOOK A VERY TOUGH LINE WITH TSURUMI ON BILATERAL EC- JAPANESE RELATIONS. OUR JAPANESE SOURCE SAID THAT SOAMES AND WELLENSTEIN TOOK NOTE WITH REGRET OF THE FAILURE OF PAST EFFORTS TO WORK OUT A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT INCLUDING A SAFEGUARD CLAUSE. THEY ALSO POINTED TO EUROPEAN CONCERNS ABOUT RISING JAPANESE EXPORTS IN SENSITIVE AREAS; STATED THAT SELF- RESTRAINT PROGRAMS ARE NOT WORKING OR ARE INSUFFICIENT; AND INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION MAY SOON INITIATE SOME KIND OF ACTION. OUR JAPANESE SOURCE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION SIDE DID NOT SPELL OUT THE NATURE OF ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE INSTITUTED BY THE COMMISSION SO THAT, AT THE MOMENT, THE JAPANESE CAN ONLY SPECULATE AS TO WHETHER THIS MIGHT INVOLVE COMMISSION LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PRIVATE INDUSTRY AGREEMENTS OR SOME OTHER STEPS.

4. TSURUMI REPLIED TO THE COMMISSION' S COMPLAINTS WITH A PLEA FOR MUTUAL EFFORT AND CONSULTATION RATHER THAN UNILATERAL ACTIONS AND CONFRONTATION. HE SAID THAT JAPAN IS TRYING TO LIBERALIZE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS AND INVESTMENT. PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE EUROPEANS ARE MAKING AN INSUFFICIENT EFFORT TO EXPORT TO JAPAN. IF THE COMMUNITY HAS PROBLEMS WITH JAPANESE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING RESTRAINT OF EXPORTS TO EUROPE, IT SHOULD RAISE THES PROBLEMS FOR CONSULTATION.

5. WE HAVE QUERIED A KEY COMMISSION SOURCE ABOUT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY WHAT LEGAL OR OTHER STEPS THE COMMISSION MIGHT BE CONSIDERING. OUR SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER ON THE SPOT BUT PROMISED TO TRY TO GET US SOMEHTING ON THIS SUBJECT.

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